रिक्त सूचना को जांच की जा रही है। इस समय यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि जांच कब तक पूरी हो जाएगी और नोडल निर्माण एजेंसी का चयन करने के बारे में अंतिम रूप से निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जाएगा।

Cost of Narora Atomic Power Plant

205. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original estimated cost of Narora Atomic Power Plant and what would be the actual cost when it is completed; and

(b) what are the reasons for cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The original sanctioned cost of the 2x235 M We units at the Narora Atomic Power Project was Rs. 209.89 crores and latest cost estimate is Rs. 532.85 crores for the two units.

(b) The increase in cost is attributable to various factors including design changes arising out of upgrading of designs to suit seismicity of the site in order to ensure the safety of the plant and evolving safety standards, escalation due to stretch in schedule arising out of delayed deliveries of sophisticated nuclear components which required considerable indigenous development of technology, and increase in statutory levies, and variation in foreign exchange rates.

Spread of myalgic encephalomyelitis disease

206. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the spread of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis all over the world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the outbreak of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis has been reported in India also; if so, the number of cases during the last three years, with details of places; and

(c) whether any Research and Development work is being done to find out an effective cure for the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) This Ministry is not aware of the spread of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis all over the world.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Presence of HIV Virus in Indians

207. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a survey conducted by AIIMS, New Delhi HIV Virus is present in 7.5 percent Indians; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken to meet the situation, including organisation of surveys and R & D aimed at finding remedies, in collaboration with WHO and other affected countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.